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A Message From the Your President!

Greetings Fellow Club Members

My how time does fly. Show time is coming right upon us and Sioux City Coin Club are doing a good job handling all the details. We are looking forward to a good turnout.

Our board meeting will be held at 5:00 pm Saturday, October, 24, where the new officers will be announced. Get those nominations mailed.

I hope to see many of you club members there.

Ottumwa lost an old time collector September 14. Many of you may remember George Spanlding. He set up at the state fair several years with Clarence McKee. Before the changes were made in the Pioneer Building.

Our commemorative afghan is coming along nicely and will be ready for the show. It will be raffled off and someone attending the show will be the winner.

**Looking forward to seeing you
at the show in October.**

Gail L. McKee
President I. N. A.

SHOW CALENDAR

OCT 24-25

Iowa Numismatic Association 60th Annual Show, Auction & Convention, Sioux City Convention Center, 801 4th Street, Sioux City IA.

BOURSE: John Jackson (712) 274-9195 or (800) 397-9053

NOV 7-8

Keokuk Coin Club Fall Show, Keosippi Mall, Keokuk, IA.

BOURSE: Tom Gardner (319) 524-7366

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Old Capitol Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Best Western / Westfield Inn, Coralville/ Iowa City, IA, Intersection of Highways I-80 & 965 (Exit 240 on I-80), 1895 27th Avenue,

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Reminder: If your Coin Club is preparing to schedule a Coin Show, please contact the I.N.A. Show Coordinator prior to scheduling the event. This will avoid scheduling conflicts and provides the information for inclusion in this Show Calendar. The current Show Coordinator is Roger Wolver, 309 North 11th Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, (515) 673-6677 or (515) 673-6633

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Dear INA Friends:

I have mixed emotions about writing this. My last message to you as your Secretary, I've come to know many of you through the years and will treasure those memories! I think of the historians Van Hooks, and Paul Camphell have dedicated there lives to the INA; the Budd's also. Mr. Klitgard and there exhibits can never be replaced. All these and many more left as a rich tradition to try and fill their shoes.

As the INA gets bigger, each new board has the job of using mew ideas with the old to be a better organization and serve the members with new spirit and dedication.

I want to thank all who inclosed a message to me in their dues payments, they really can peck you up when you are in the middle of writing a hundred plus membership cards!

Again - thank you for your friendships and concerns.

God Bless!

JoAnn Peters, INA
Secretary-Treasurer

When and Where Iowa's Coin Clubs Meet:

Ames - Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:30 p.m.

Burlington - Last Tuesday, Midwest Federal Savings, Roosevelt & Division Streets, 7:00 p.m.

Cedar Falls - Next to the Last Thursday, Cedar Falls Rec. Center, 7:00 p.m.

Cedar Rapids - Third Wednesday (except July), KUBA Community Center, 1300 13th Ave SE, 7:30 p.m.

Clarion - Forth Wednesday, I.P.S. Pizza Ranch on Main St., 7.30 p.m.

Decorah -First Tuesday, V.F.W. Building basement, 104 State St., 7:30 p.m.

Dubuque - First Thursday, The American Trust Bank, 280 Kennedy road, 7:00 p.m

Des Moines - First Tuesday, Baker's Cafeteria, Sherwood Forest, 74th & Hickman Rd., 6:30 p.m.

Fairfield - Third Tuesday, Hardies, 7:30 p.m.

Fort Dodge - Second Thursday, ICCV Voc. Tech Bldg. 7:30 p.m.

Fort Madison - Third Tuesday, Midwest Savings & Loan Drive-in, 4520 ave L, 7:30 p.m.

Grinnell - Second Monday, Senior Citizens Room, Community Center, 7:30 p.m. (515) 236-3549.

ILLowA (Clinton) - Third Thursday, Gateway State Bank, Clinton, 7:30 p.m.

Independence - Third Saturday, Courthouse Basement, 7:30 p.m

Keokuk - Fourth Thursday (Third Thursday in Nov. & Dec.), Keokuk Sr. High School Library (Summers at SCC's S. Campus Student Lounge), 7:30 p.m.

Old Capital (Iowa City) - Second Tuesday, West High School, Room 13, 7:30 p.m.

Oskaloosa - Second Tuesday, Basement of Farm Bureau Building, 7:30 p.m. (515) 949-6430

Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Colormaster, Inc., 800 Gateway Dr., 7:30 p.m. (515) 684-6006

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday, Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwys. 61 & 38, 7:30 p.m.

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave at 34th St., 7:30 p.m.

Red Oak - First Monday, Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

Siouxland (Sioux City) - First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., J&J Coins Collectibles, 901 S. Cecilia.,

Storm Lake - Third Thursday, IPS Meeting Room, Winters at 7:30 p.m.; Summers at 8:00 p.m.

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA 7:30 p.m.

***Waterloo** - Second Thursday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First and Commercial Streets, 7:00 p.m.

* Waterloo and Cedar Falls Coin Clubs will be merging in January, to be known as the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Coin Club. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of every month at the Waterloo Recreation Center, Waterloo, Iowa at 7:00 p.m. starting with January 13th

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Days Events

Saturday

7 A.M. - 9 A.M. Set Up

9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Bourse Opened

5 P.M. Old Board Meeting

5:30 P.M. - Banquet

7 A.M. . Coin Auction

Sunday

7:30 A.M. Church Service

8 A.M. New Board Meeting

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. Bourse Opened

Public is welcomed to all events

Organizational Convention June 19, 1938.

The Iowa Numismatic Association was the first state numismatic organization made up of individual members. It was formed June 19, 1938 at Iowa City Iowa During that initial year of 1938, important steps were taken and rules laid down which formed the basis of this successful organization.

The Hotel Jefferson in Iowa City was host to the first meeting. Ted R. Hammer of Burlington, Iowa presided and Earl Cole of Des Moines, Iowa acted as secretary. Both were the District Secretaries of the A.N.A. for Iowa and had arranged this meeting through the co-operation of the Ames Numismatic Society and the Quad City, Des Moines, Cornbelt, and Muscatine Coin Clubs.

J. Henri Ripstra, A.N.A. President, said that there were more new collectors in Iowa than any other state. He urged stimulation of interest among junior coin collectors and foster formation of junior clubs. He advised the collectors to be satisfied with a small start. To maintain good domestic relations, he told the men to be frank with their wives and tell them what was paid for coins.

Lee Hewitt, publisher of Numismatic Scrapbook, recommended formation of a state organization. He said his magazine enjoyed a large circulation in Iowa and invited collectors contributions of articles.

M. Vernon Sheldon, secretary of the Chicago Coin Club and candidate for the secretary of the A.N.A. expressed a desire that the Midwestern states eventually hold a joint convention.

Chairman Hammer next introduced: C. E. Briggs, former District Secretary of the A.N.A.; Clarence A. Hahn, Muscatine Coin Club president; Dr. J. R. Schneider, Quad City Coin Club president; L. G. Rogers, Cornbelt Coin Club president; Walter P. Bohler, Ames Numismatic Society president and Milton Radke, Des Moines Coin Club president.

At the business meeting, a motion for formation of a state organization was adopted unanimously. A motion that the chairman appoint a committee to draw up a model constitution and by-laws suitable for adoption later in the day was carried. V. Leon Belt, Waterloo, was appointed committee chairman.

Ted R. Hammer and Earl M. Cole were elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively, despite Hammer's expressed wish that others be given the honor of office so that he and Cole could continue their work as District Secretaries.

The next state meeting was set for October in Des Moines. R. E. McLain was appointed chairman of the committee for the next meeting.

The youngest collector at the convention was 12-year-old Blair Smith who became interested in collecting through the gift of a penny board, C. E. Briggs, whose A.N.A. number was 307, was the oldest A.N.A. member attending.

Gorge A. Emery won first prize for the most unique display of coins and T. J. Barnes won first prize for best display.

J. Henri Ripetra delivered the featured talk. He told of a woman who had written him in regard to the sale of a Columbian half dollar. She said she had received an offer of \$500 for it, and would like to have him sell it for her for a commission, and even sent tracings of the coin. Ripetra in this way illustrated in his speech that many people (even today) are misinformed on the value of coins and expect unreasonable premiums.

Ripetra urged collectors to keep a reasonable amount of gold in accordance with the amount to be set up by the Treasury Department, and that it was legal to do so. He attacked the racketeering methods used in the distribution of commemorative half dollars and said collectors could stop this by not buying new issues from distributors at prohibitive prices.

The accepted design for the new U.S. nickel (Jefferson nickel), Ripetra said, was done by a man who is not a citizen of the U.S. His dies were not acceptable in their present form and had been returned to him several times for necessary changes. Ripetra wondered if it would be unreasonable for the A.N.A. to have a voice in the acceptance of any new design of a coin.

Ripetra then spoke briefly on his display, consisting of an 1817 Crown of England, George III in silver and a Waterloo medal by Benedetto Pistrucci. Pistrucci spent 33 years, Ripetra said, in the cutting of the die for this medal.

M. Vernon Sheldon then spoke on the display pieces which were products of Ripetra's work, a Balboa medal, a Helen Culver medal and a Lincoln plaque. Sheldon also spoke on his display of ancient Greek coins.

After the talks, it was decided that the constitution and by-laws of the INA be filed in Polk County as a non-profit corporation. R. E. McLain and V. Leon Belt were elected first and second vice president respectively. A board of directors was elected by acclamation. They were: Ernest Moore, Elmer Laurent, Walter P. Bohler, Lloyd G. Rogers and L. A. Page.

After the meeting was adjourned, thirty minutes were allowed for viewing exhibits before the auction sale was called. According to the Numismatic Hornblower, the auction consisted of 150 lots ranging from cents to \$10 gold. Only lowans could submit auction pieces. No mail bids were accepted.

The only fee for the meeting was 75c, including luncheon. An auction charge of 10 per cent was made with the money going into the treasury of the newly formed INA. According to the Hornblower, 75 lots had been received by late May from dealers and collectors, including commemorative, gold, two 1856 flying eagle cents and a 1799 cent fair condition

That the auction was successful, can be seen by the fact that J. B. Simon, the, was so busy he forgot to sign up for membership in the INA and to do so later, sending in his 50¢ membership fee.

Another humorous sidelight to the convention was that the ladies, who had been invited to accompany their husbands, were almost forgotten, The men were so busy with formation of the new organization and the auction that preparations for bridge and other diversions for the ladies were not set up, This situation was corrected at the next meeting in October.

Earl M. Cole had special medals struck and distributed to each person attending the convention. The supply of medals was soon exhausted as people who had not been able to attend the meeting sent in for them,

Eighty-one persons registered at this first meeting, Pieces to be given as door prizes were donated by: Stack's, New York City; Wayte Raymond, Inc., New York City; Tatham Stamp and Coin Co., Springfield, Mass.; Kenneth W. Lee, Glendale, Calif.; Nelson T. Thorson, Omaha, Neb.; Ted Hammer, Burlington, and Earl M. Cole, Des Moines. A letter of thanks and an official medal of the meeting was mailed to these contributors,

When the first convention came to an end, the groundwork had been laid for a numismatic organization which would soon have a strong voice in national numismatic ventures. Those attending went home eager to begin work which would soon make the INA one of the strongest state numismatic organizations in the country. The new members looked eagerly ahead to the October meeting in Des Moines.



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The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations annual convention in the Fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member of good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his or her area, to appraise a estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. A application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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